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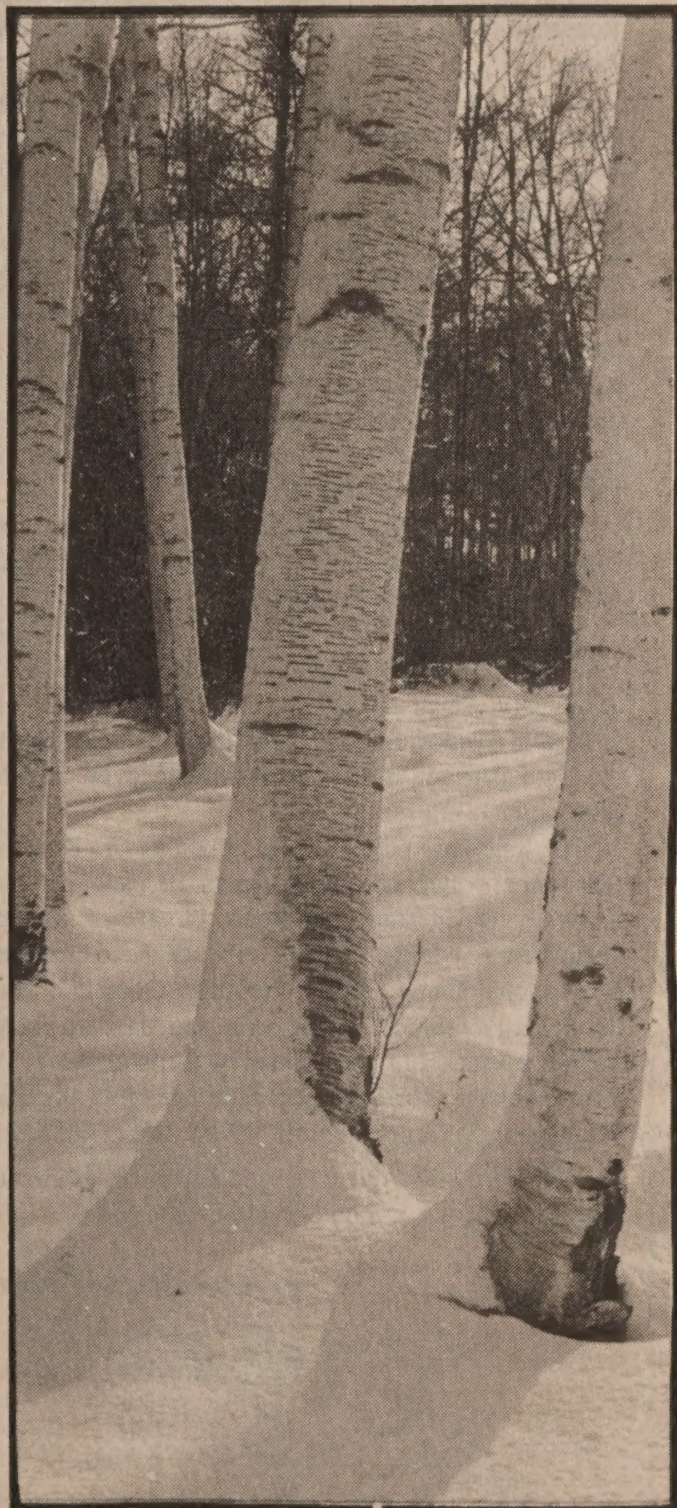


## TOWN NEWS

The members of the Town Hall Building Committee (Jed Lipsky, Hans Kessler, Edith Wilson and Cynthia Weber) met with the Board of Selectmen on January 7. Chairman of the Building Committee Jed Lipsky asked if there were criteria the Selectmen would like to see fulfilled in the preliminary design of the proposed building. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Georgiana O'Connell responded that community input would be essential to the project. Mr. Lipsky suggested that, due to the fiscal crisis on both the state and federal level, the new building designed to house town offices and records should be compact. Edith Wilson interjected that if the town is going to build a new Town Hall it shouldn't be "some dinky little thing." Cynthia Weber added that the design should allow for future expansion. Selectman O'Connell then specified that the design proposal should include provisions for secure storage of town records, room for a computer database and privacy for meetings. She also said that the Grange members must be consulted on the project. In a related matter, the Selectmen have decided for reasons of safety and improved working conditions to upgrade the lighting in the existing Town Hall at an expense of \$800.

The Board of Selectmen met with Fire Chief Ray Tryon to discuss the proposed bylaw regulating the use of automatic alarm systems by issuance of an annual permit. Chief Tryon suggested that heat sensors should be required with all alarm installations to decrease the number of false alarms. This would leave the Police Department responsible for responding to all smoke and burglar alarms, as the Fire Department will respond only to heat-sensory device alarms that indicate a fire.

Brian Tanner and Robert Sawyers of Gould Farm spoke with the Selectmen about the water run-off near the Roadside Store. The men informed the Board that there has always been a security alarm in the fiberglass-lined tight tank for the Roadside Store septic system. The alarm is often triggered before the sewage reaches



SUSAN McALISTER



spill level. The Selectmen had previously reviewed a report from Peter Kolodziej of the Tri-Town Health Department in Lee, who determined that the spillovers that are freezing near the Roadside are not septic spillovers, but water coming off Swann Road. Mr. Tanner noted that he had been considering a curtain drain to keep water from filling the Roadside septic tank in order to avoid having the tank pumped so often. He will meet with Highway Superintendent Don Amstead, and the town will work with Gould Farm to resolve the problem icing of the road, to minimize the effect of runoff on the Roadside septic system, and to improved that cross-roads.

Peter Curtin of Tyringham, who, with his brothers, owns sixty acres of undeveloped land on Royal Hemlock Road, complained to the Board of Selectmen about the high assessed value imposed on the property by the Board of Assessors. Mr. Curtin believes that the Monterey Board of Assessors think he has a "gold mine," when in fact the land is undeveloped and the road is no longer maintained by the town. Mr. Curtin stated that he would like to preserve the land and the road in its undeveloped state, but, because of the high assessment, may be forced to develop the parcel and request that the town improve the road for access.

The Board of Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation of Ray Tryon from the Roads and Machinery Committee due to the possibility of conflict of interest.

The Selectmen have tied a yellow ribbon on the War Veterans Memorial outside the Town Hall in recognition of our servicemen and women in the Persian Gulf. The symbol of a yellow ribbon is a tradition that began during the Civil War and is used to remember loved ones far from home.

The following permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen: Two renewal permits to New England Keswick on Chestnut Hill Road, in care of Richard Haapanen, Executive Director: (1) License to Operate a Recreational Camp and (2) Permit to Operate a Food Service Establishment. Three permits to Maynard Forbes for the operation of the Monterey General Store: (1) Retail Package Goods Store for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, (2) General Permit for the sale of groceries, etc. and Lord's Day victualer and (3) Board of Health Permit to Operate a Food Service Establishment.

— Maggie Leonard



## PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board held its regular meeting on January 10, with the following members present: Chairman Joe Baker, Joyce Scheffey, Bob Thieriot, Elk Dempsey and Wayne Burkhardt.

Surveyor Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates presented the Board with a land survey for the Monterey Land Associates Limited Partnership. The 112.335 acre parcel has frontage on Beartown Mountain Road and borders on Beartown State Forest. The land has been divided into three lots: Lot #1 is 35.994 acres; Lot #2 is 35.413 acres; Lot #3 is 40.928 acres. The plans were filed with the Planning Board but left unsigned because members of the Board wished to familiarize themselves with the property. A date of January 18 was agreed upon to walk the land.

Elk Dempsey informed the other members of the Board that he strongly feels that each member should compose a statement about his vision for Monterey and clarify why he is on the Planning Board. He indicated that he has expressed this thought several times and was unhappy that he had not seen it noted in either the minutes of the meetings or the *Monterey News*. He believes that there is much conjecture among the townspeople about the motivations of the Planning Board members and feels that this concern should be addressed. He also mentioned the possibility of a group consensus statement to help give the Board direction. Joyce Scheffey agreed that an individual statement could be helpful but also noted that it is "important to balance the role of the individual with that of the citizens at large." Chairman Baker instructed members of the Board to bring a brief statement of their ideals and ideas to the next Planning Board meeting.

The Board discussed how to run the upcoming January 24 meeting about a possible sign bylaw. Chairman Baker suggested that a brief presentation be made and then the floor be opened for discussion. Bob Thieriot added that either a checklist of the various categories be made or that there be a chalkboard available to write the list for people to see. Elk Dempsey objected to the idea of a presentation, saying that it would not represent his ideas. Chairman Baker attempted to clarify by explaining that the presentation would be only to inform the citizens about what the Board had investigated to this point. Mr. Dempsey said that he believes that the Board

should make a statement about why the subject is being dealt with and what they hope to accomplish. He said that this could be an opportunity to "change the planning process and create unity even while people may dis-



agree." Wayne Burkhardt asked that the Board not continually "bicker" among themselves and concentrate on making the current sign bylaw "better, clearer and more enabling."

Wayne Burkhardt reported on the current projects and activities of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission and the Center for Rural Massachusetts. BCRPC will be studying industrial development and investigating the possibilities of an industrial park in North Adams. BCRPC will also be updating a survey of zoning bylaws in various towns. The Center for Rural Massachusetts is using grant money to help Sheffield do a thorough zoning bylaw study since Sheffield has no zoning regulations.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is on February 14. All citizens are invited to attend as these meetings are open to the public.

— Maggie Leonard

## MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on January 16, when predictions for 1990 were worked out. The Grange was invited to the 80th anniversary at Stockbridge Grange #295 on January 25 and a card party at Pittsfield Grange #14 on January 18.

Master Tillie Butler, Lecturer Mary Wallace and Flora Alice Shaffer attended a Women's Activities Regional Meeting in Dalton on January 5.

The Grange discussed plans for a public card party to be held in the near future.

The next meeting will be held on February 20. The Trading Post will be the theme of the program. If you have an unusual item, bring it in.

The Grange is now taking applications for membership.

— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Marcia August, educator with the Berkshire County Cooperative Extension Service, will present four workshops on child development at the Children's Health Program at 54 Castle Street during the month of March. The workshops will be held on the following evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.: March 6—Birth to 3 years; March 13—3 to 6 years; March 20—6 to 12 years; and March 27—12 to 18 years. A donation of \$2.00 per workshop will be asked to cover the cost of copying handout materials. Parent-to-Parent volunteers will receive the handouts without cost. Pre-registration is requested so that plans can be made for space and materials. Please call Claudette Callahan at 528-9311.

A Valentine's Day Party for families with pre-school children will be held at the Great Barrington Playgroup at St. James Church, Great Barrington, on February 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Families are reminded that a clothing exchange for children (infants to age two) is available at the Children's Health Program. There are several snowsuits and winter jackets, hats, mittens, and scarves in small sizes at the exchange.

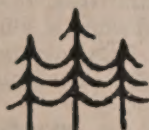
A counselor from Women's Services will be available at the Children's Health Program on Tuesday afternoons to help families with problems of abuse, displaced homemaker needs, the Department of Public Welfare or other issues. If you wish to make an appointment, please call 528-2328 or 1-800-932-7448 and ask for Wilen Austin.

— Claudette Callahan



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## CHURCH NEWS

1991 has been designated as our church's YEAR of GROWTH and OPPORTUNITY. During this past year there's been a definite recognition that our church family has achieved a new level of commitment and that we have great potential to accomplish a significant ministry here in Monterey. The Parish Council, with the unanimous approval of the congregation, has "called" the pastor to a full-time commitment for this year. Our goal is to develop a comprehensive strategy for mission that will enable our congregation to establish priorities and creatively minister to the needs of the Monterey community. It promises to be an exciting year, and we invite everyone to share in our Sunday worship services at 10:00 a.m.

The Nomination Committee has endorsed this year's slate of new Deacons (MaryKate Jordan, Marge McMahon) and Trustees (Priscilla Gulliver, David Markwood). The tentative Parish Council Committee Deacon assignments are as follows:

WORSHIP:	David Whitten
MISSION:	Marge McMahon
EDUCATION:	Janice Aerie
STEWARDSHIP:	MaryKate Jordan
NURTURE:	Kathie Maye
ADMINISTRATION:	Roy Hanson

Our third Trustee, Dick Tryon, will be completing the last year of his term. The Parish Council has also appointed Bonnie Cox as Treasurer, with a special word of thanksgiving to Mary Ward, who has been our "temporary" Treasurer for more than two years. We hope that town members will share their feelings and ideas with these elected officials.

**WANTED: NURSERY CARE PERSON.** We are looking to hire an adult or responsible teenager to be with our toddlers and young children during the worship hour on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in making some extra money and having a delightful time with children, please call the Church office at 528-5850.

The Church is also purchasing a computer system to help us with our administrative files, communication process, planning and bookkeeping. To help make this possible we are accepting donations. If you would like to contribute, please address your donation as "Computer Fund" and mail to P. O. Box 182.

Our ASH WEDNESDAY service will be on February 13 at 7:30 p.m. This will mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

We welcome Sandra Cho as our new pianist. Sandy works at Gould Farm and adds a new spark of vitality to our worship service. Our choir invites anyone who would like to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" to call Dave Whitten (528-5542) or Kathie Maye (528-2516).

— Cliff Aerie

## ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The Monterey Arts Council is accepting applications for the spring funding cycle. Applications are available at the Town Hall. Completed applications should be mailed to the Arts Council, Box 387, Monterey. For more information, call 528-9685.

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## GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Girl Scout Troop #66 and Brownie Troop #237 will be selling Girl Scout cookies from January 26 to February 10 this year. Cookies are \$2.50 a box; each troop keeps \$.40 of that to be used for supplies, activities and trips. Girl Scout cookies freeze very well, and there are varieties to please everyone. If you have not already been contacted, please call Eileen Clawson (528-4835), Jane Thorn (528-4304), Ann-Marie Hamm (528-4862) or Linda Gero (528-0802) to put in an order.

## NEWS FROM THE BIDWELL HOUSE

The Bidwell House historic site museum is the recipient of a Federal grant from the Institute of Museum Services (IMS). IMS is "an independent agency within the Executive Branch, established by an Act of Congress in 1976 to encourage and assist museums in modernizing their methods and facilities so that they may be better able to conserve our cultural and historic heritage. . . ."

The IMS grant will enable The Bidwell House to "structure its operations more efficiently, thereby improving services to the community." The primary goal of the IMS grant process is to enable museums such as The Bidwell House to reach their full potential.

The Bidwell House, on Art School Road, will open for the 1991 season on Memorial Day weekend.

— Shirley Clute

## THE WILLIAMS FUND

Sincere thanks to the many people who contributed to the Williams Fund. As you know, Matt Williams and Cherie Prescott, as well as Matt's daughters, lost everything in the November fire. There has still been no insurance settlement.

On the Saturday before Christmas, we gave Matt a check for \$900, together with a card listing all those who had given so generously. A second card and listing was turned over to Matt on New Year's. The total contributed to the fund as of mid-January was \$1,500.

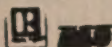
A special thank you to Fred Vorck for setting up the fund at the bank and bearing responsibility for keeping track of donors and donations; to Fran Amidon, who spearheaded the telephone committee; and to Barbara Gauthier, who, along with Fred, assumed financial management of the fund.

— Gige O'Connell

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*The first and second place teams, with the Monterey Cup*

## MONTEREY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The second annual Monterey Cup Hockey Tournament was held Sunday, January 13, at the skating rink pavilion at the firehouse. Six local teams competed in the Park Commission-sponsored event to see whose team would take home the Monterey Cup trophy. The teams were evaluated on a handicap system to insure fair matches. For example, if one team had some particularly talented skaters, they would begin a game down two goals. The round-robin contests began at 9:00 a.m. and whittled the competition down to four play-off teams, the Pittsfield Bruins

vs. the Egremont Outsiders, and the (Monterey) Blue Hill Rangers vs. the Monterey Blades. The final trophy game was between the Monterey Blue Hill Rangers and the Pittsfield Bruins, with no handicap at the outset of the match. For the second year the Pittsfield Bruins were victorious over the Blue Hill Rangers by a score of 5 to 1, and took home the coveted Monterey Cup trophy. The hockey tournament was well supported by local fans, who turned out to cheer on their favorite teams.

— Maggie Leonard

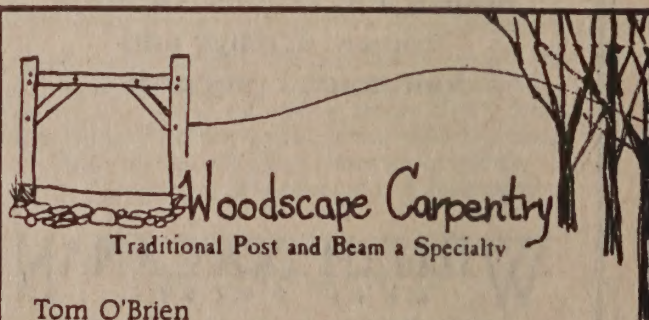
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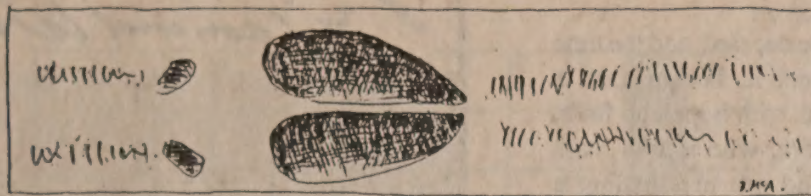


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## FAITH AND DEER TRACKS IN THE SNOW



*White-tailed deer track, showing dew-claws and toe-drag mark in snow*

In mid-January, I found myself teaching our Quaker Sunday School to seven kids, ages four to twelve. It was thanks to someone else's icy driveway that I wound up sitting at the table with these children, talking about religion, which is not one of my easier topics. It would have been easier for me to haul in my collection of skulls and feathers and furs, draw a few animal tracks, and Do Nature. The best memories I have of my own childhood Quaker Sunday School experiences were when we did nature. We had about seven or eight kids then, too, and we could fit into a VW bus and drive out to a State Park and look at tracks. Quakers see God everywhere, so the volunteer Sunday School teachers, our parents, could find religious lessons under every bush. All they had to say was, "Hey, kids. Look at this patch of moss here. Isn't it lovely?"

Well, it *was* lovely. We learned at an early age not to mess up moss. It was better to leave it lovely, both because someone else might like to see it in its best condition and because it was perfect the way it was. There is a wrong-headedness about messing up something perfect, something that has grown just right, that is fabulous in its complexity and just plain beautiful to any eye. Call it Nature, call it Art, or call it God, but don't mess it up.

I did think of taking in some show-and-tell piece of perfection from Nature, Art or God to show to the kids, but I had been feeling grim as my nation prepared to totally mess up another one far away from here. It takes a mighty effort to connect the moss and the military build-up, and I didn't feel like making that effort. I felt like feeling grim.

So we just started talking about religion, how there are different kinds around the world, how the gods look different to different people. We read an article about a bereaved family whose faith comforted them after the death of their loved ones because of a literal belief in heaven and angels. Then we started talking about prayer.

One boy said he knows somebody who lives in New York City who is very religious and prays every day. Another boy is studying about Islam in school, and he told us the Moslems pray five times a day. We thought about people in Iraq praying that they won't get blown to smithereens and then we talked about whether any of us pray, ever.

I said I used to pray that I would get a horse. I also wished this same thing on shooting stars, hay wagons and birthday candles. The kids wanted to know if I ever got my wish. "Eventually," I said. "I got a horse when I was a teenager, but I had been wishing and praying for about eight or nine years."

Then a girl in our Sunday School said people pray for things they want or things they want to happen, but, she said, "It doesn't really matter whether they come true or not. You know what I mean?"

I drew a blank for a second, and then I got her point. All I had to do was remember those years I kept my hope alive, kept a horse clearly on my horizon. It's like those New Age bumper stickers you see that say Visualize World Peace. They might seem hokey at first—I mean, who can even visualize the world, let alone the world at peace? But the point is, the first step is hope, and then there is faith, and without those two you might as well forget the horse and world peace because you're not going to have the strength to do what you have to do to get any of that.

I was raised a nature-loving Quaker, and when life gets tough for me I don't read scriptures, I put on my jacket and go for a walk. I start looking under bushes for nice bits of moss, and if it's winter with snow on the ground, I snoop into the perfect lives of the animals. The other night I went out in a snowstorm. As I walked out, I saw only one set of tracks, a mouse skipping across the path to shelter under a big fallen oak. But an hour later, coming back along the same trail, I found that my path had been crossed again and again by two deer. They



were pawing through the snow, finding acorns. Their heart-shaped prints told the story of their clear needs and actions in a way that was lovely in its pattern as well as perfect in all its implications.

Religion is where you find it, we decided, and the time to go looking for it is when you need it. Feeling grim is a kind of hunger. You can feed it with hope and faith, which come in many forms. Cora, who is four, said George Bush would drive by and see her holding a candle and decide not to make war. I am 41, and I don't have her kind of faith. Mine comes more from her and the other kids in our Sunday School, and from perfect moss and deer tracks in the snow.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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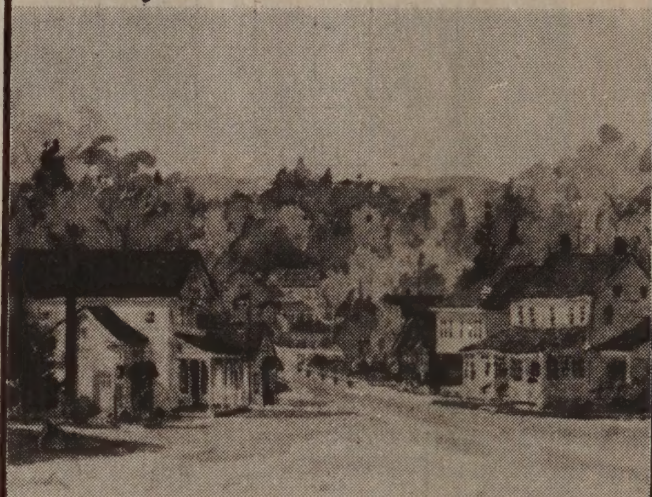
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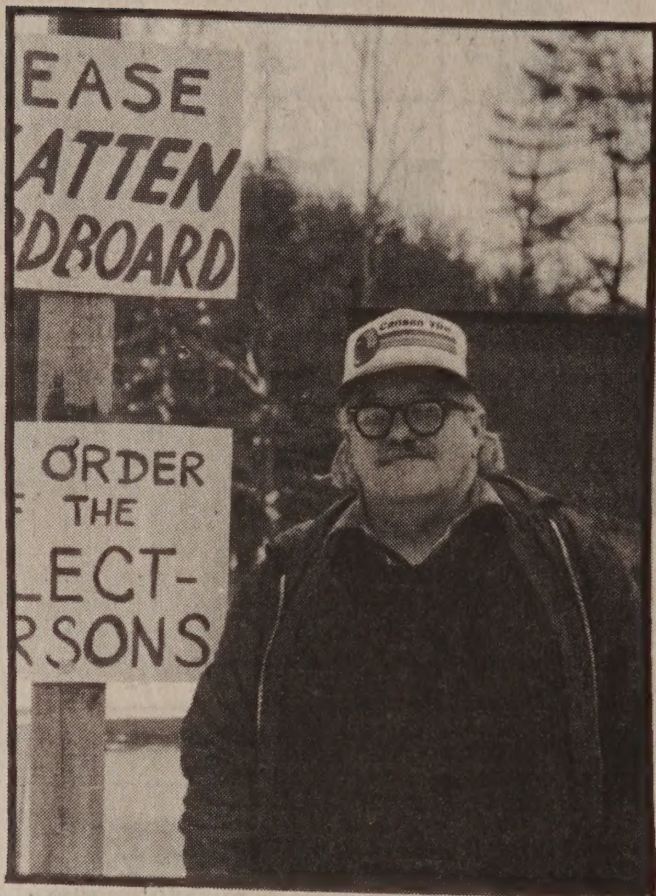
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## WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

### Robert A. Gatten



"I don't like to see anything wasted—if I can't use it, somebody else can!" This statement, unlike the admonitory "waste not, want not," in its concern for "somebody else," is the basis for Bootstraps of the Berkshires, an inspired private project in redistribution. Bob Gatten perceived the principle when a friend of his needed something and Bob realized he had the very thing sitting, unused, in his barn. He and the friend, Herman Nichols, were struck by the beautiful simplicity of it: "Here I had a barn full of stuff, too good to throw away, that people could use if they only knew about it."

The big difference between Bootstraps and such institutions as tag sales and auctions is that with Bootstraps, the goods are free. Bob and Herman realized that there are families in the county who need something, like a bedstead, but can't buy it unless they go without food. Starting four years ago, Bob and Herman spread the word that they were collecting usable appliances, furnishings, utensils, and even children's toys, and, if

necessary, would pick them up and deliver them, without charge, wherever they were needed. Working in cooperation with Welfare, Construct and Community Action, their information network grew to where they now help several hundred families a month and they have redistributed more than \$40,000 worth of household items.

Bob, who became Monterey's part-time dump attendant in September, is a lively, friendly man who loves to meet people and exchange views of the world. He has traveled widely but has always returned to his Yankee origins. He grew up in Vermont, came to Gardiner, Massachusetts as a teenager, and has lived in Stockbridge, Sheffield and now Otis. Before Sheffield, he and his wife Jeanne lived for eight years in Nashville, Tennessee. They operated a campground there, and Bob had various jobs with the Grand Ole Opry. In the military service, Bob was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, doing everything from cooking to driving a truck. He goes back, now and then, to that beautiful part of the country.

The town of Sheffield, where Bootstraps of the Berkshires started, has shown its appreciation of the project in several ways. People donate their time and energy as volunteers. They help with inventory or make a run with a pickup truck to deliver a bulky item. Then the town of Sheffield gave Bootstraps (at a rental of \$1 a year) the use of the old railway warehouse next to the Town Hall for a storehouse and distribution center. Another help has been publicity in the *Berkshire Eagle* and the *Sheffield Times*.

Jeanne Gatten left her job as manager of the Community Shop in Great Barrington to cover the Bootstraps phone. She and Rose Nichols organize an occasional bake sale to help defray costs of the project's major expense, gasoline. "Gas costs over \$100 a month," says Bob. Our biggest expense was the month when it reached \$300."

Bootstraps of the Berkshires receives no public funding but operates on the good will of the Gatten and Nichols families and private donations of time, materials, transportation and money. Its increasing contribution to the community makes use of whatever outside help it can get, but it is the dedication and enthusiasm of the founding families that makes it all go. "Once we started it, it just grew like Topsy. Of course someone has taken advantage of us now and then—we've been burned. But that's nothing to the satisfaction we get from helping out."

The Golden Rule of the project is respect for human dignity. "We keep a record of what goes out, but that's all. We don't list where it goes and we don't ask anyone's name or the state of their finances." Bob knows how it feels to need help. There was a time when



he had to live for a while, in the eastern part of the state, in a shack with no amenities. He is repaying now the help he received then.

The warehouse can't be manned by volunteers all day, but it is open on call. Someone is usually near the phone at 269-7170. Another possibility for Montereyans is a call at 528-2275 on dump days, or simply to bring something in to the dump if it will fit into Bob's car. The only requirement is that it be usable.

Bob is a believer in old-fashioned neighborliness. "We need to give help right here at home, first of all. Neighbors can help where the rising cost of everything puts us in a bind. I'm still paying bills for my heart attack six years ago. If you sneeze in a hospital, it costs \$2,000. Every community should have a toll-free clearing house number, just to let folks know where to go when they have a need."

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— David P. McAllester



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## THE APPLE

*Remembering the last Valentine he gave her  
overstuffed pink heart with bows and flowers  
filled with black chocolate-covered creams  
glazed pastel almonds, sugared violets  
and small silver tongs*

*Remembering how she carelessly threw it down  
there on the little stand nearby  
not deigning to sample one sweet token  
of his admiring gift  
his boyish love's caress*

*(She had almost shuddered so deep in diets  
she had lived so troubled by her own  
the world's unrest.)*

*Remembering those gone sad days of springtimes past  
when they had said regretful things and parted  
and never met again and never talked  
through letters crossed and his words mixed  
with tears  
had often come to dim her eyes  
and to renew her pain.*

*Remembering each February how she'd lost him  
her love her overanxious one her beau  
and that she could not see his face again  
nor hold tight to fingers that had tried to press  
a bonbon to her lips*

*She sighs, opens the door to a young stranger  
come to bring her mail an apple for a gift  
a rich crimson apple cleft at base  
almost in shape of heart burning with color  
yet cool with apple's scent.*

*She cradles the red plump offering in her hand  
talks to the boy makes plans for work.*

*And remembering . . .  
that afternoon buys at the drug store  
the smallest heart displayed  
filled with dark chocolates of another time  
resplendent in its golden dress.*

*She carries it home with tender fingers  
and trembling eats just one small piece  
saving the others for the boy yes  
saving all the rest  
for  
him.*

— Sue Moody

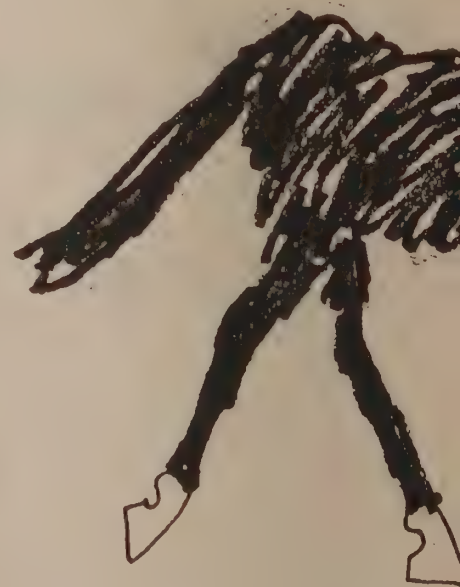
## JANUARY THAW

*The waterfall at the pond outlet  
Had roofed itself over with pearly ice.  
All columns and globules, and tunnels.  
Now it's sagging open, busy water  
Is visible, dashing underneath.*

*The pond cover has turned to soggy grey  
And supraponds are creeping over it  
From the restless springs at the far end.  
Oak and ash and maple reflections gleam  
On the new water, are truncated  
When they reach the opaque slush.*

*Two stranger dogs corner a porcupine  
In the woods and bark and bark until I come  
And send them packing. Untouchable rodent,  
It sits in the trampled snow, still dazed  
By all that noise and worry. Big soft  
Flakes drift through the hemlocks  
And the air feels like March, like April.*

— David P. McAllester





## THE EPITOME OF WITLESS PRIDE

*We had been summoned to gather in the evening  
in a mendicant room to reverence a writer  
six decades dead, to adore the famous actress  
who would read one of the writer's stories,  
to be entertained.*

*Sweet terrestrial star perched on a stool,  
reviewed her gowned & suited auditors,  
twinkled & began. Oh yes, she drew us to  
that mannered world by the author dreamed  
—so slight a tale of so sad a marriage—  
and midway through her forty minute recitation  
attained the story's first crisis.*

*It was the ep-i-tohm . . . she read. Then  
sang ep-i-tohm in echoing skull & heedless room  
and snobbery seized me & reckless inward laughter,  
and I heard ringing singing only ep-i-tohm.*

— Jim Michelman

## I LOST MY HEART IN THE KITCHEN SINK

*I wanted to make my valentines  
Quite different this year than before.  
I finally reached a decision—  
I'd make one instead of more.  
I decided—with the greatest care  
I'd make a heart that all could share.  
So I carefully mixed some Jell-O  
And poured it into a mold  
And put it into the refrig  
To stay until set and cold.  
When the Jell-O heart was ready  
I got out my largest plate  
And proceeded with my venture  
Before it was too late.  
I set the mold on the counter  
Beside the kitchen sink  
And over the mold I placed the plate.  
Then, quicker than a wink  
I turned them over together—  
The plate, the Jell-O and mold.  
"This will look nice," I told myself,  
"On this plate with lace-edged gold."  
Then—almost before I could blink—  
Off slid my heart right into the sink.*

— Eleanor Kimberley



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## ENIGMA

*My first is in vase but not in flowers,  
My second in rain, not in showers,  
My third is in light but not in dark,  
My fourth in ashes, not in spark.  
My fifth is in near, not in far,  
My sixth in travel, not in car.  
My seventh in ride but not in walk,  
My eighth in song but not in talk.  
My last, not in tiny. You'll find it in wee.  
My whole is something that's pretty to see.  
What am I?*

Find the letters that spell the answer.

— E. Kimberley

Answer on page 18



## SNOWBOUND

*Deer and turkey tracks are everywhere:  
Here they waded right across the brook,  
Startling snow with goutts of wet black earth.*

*There a turkey flew for a few yards,  
Came down again, and I can see as if  
I had been there, imagine how it looked.*

*Three deer slept here, their bodies melted through  
The snow, laid bare their beds of russet leaves;  
One was small, the other two full-grown.*

*These traces print their authors' actions deep  
Upon the stark Carrara of the snow,  
Endow my woods with vivid life and breath.*

*Inexorable time can yet be stilled:  
It can be caught by mouse or dinosaur,  
Or Milton's pen, or mine, and move no more.*

— David P. McAllester

## A WINTER SONG

*At times my world is full of you and dreams,  
At other times it comes in drab small seams.  
What would we do without our thoughts and hope?  
Bleak desolation, far beyond our scope.  
What makes the russet spell grow full and burst?  
What makes the tiny snow birds whistle first?  
Until late days and nights are one and long,  
And autumn meets with winter's crystal song?  
I watched a snowy blanket settle down  
In shallow waves and drifts along the ground,  
Then wondered whether buds in soft cocoon  
Asleep like love, dreamed of their springtime soon.  
And now my soul turns bright, a ship at sea,  
Because you deigned to stop and look at me.*

— Sue Moody



## MONTEREY HISTORY

### Industry in South Tyringham (Monterey)

In the early days, industry was usually related to the effort to provide for the needs of the settlers, such as lumber, hardware, nails and tools for building. There were mills for the preparation of lumber into siding, laths and shingles.

In August of 1739, John Brewer of Hopkinton came to South Tyringham, now Monterey, and built a house with a stockade around it on the site of the present Congregational Church parsonage near the junction of the Otis and Sandisfield Roads. The house was fortified, and during the French and Indian Wars the provincial government sent soldiers to aid in its defense.

John Brewer built and equipped the sawmill on the Konkapot Brook at the site of the dam in back of the present general store. Later John Langdon bought the mill and built the present store building for his son. The store has been in continuous operation ever since.

There were several other mills built downstream: a carding mill, which prepared wool fleece for home spinning. Women used the yarn for weaving blankets and for knitting stockings, socks, mittens, caps, scarves, and other articles of clothing. There was also a comb factory, which made side combs and other articles. When I was a child, there was a small house at the edge of the woods. Across the stream was a large house called the Boarding House, where mill hands boarded. Then came the slaughterhouse, where farmers brought their animals to be killed and dressed for meat.

A building located between the Grange Hall and the road was a meat market, where bacon and ham were processed and lard and sausages made and sold. A paper mill was built downstream from the slaughterhouse, but it was not a success and later moved to Holyoke. The Hadsell Mill farther downstream was a saw and grist mill, and I can remember going down there with my uncle to have whole grain ground for feed for the animals. The road here by the bridge followed the stream to the Hadsell Mill and then turned and came out on the New Marlboro Road below the Gillis place, where A.K. Hadsell lived.

On the New Marlboro Road opposite the road leading to the mill was a cheese factory for a short time. The first settlers made their cheese and butter in the home and sold the surplus to the store or exchanged it for goods. On the corner of the New Marlboro Road where Walsh's Auto Repair now stands, was the Berkshire Hills Cooperative Creamery. The cream was gathered at the farms by a man with a wagon and horses in big metal-lined cans and placed in large vats in the main room. The big churn in

a separate room was run by steam power. The butter was shipped to New York and Pittsfield by railroad, and many of the summer hotels of the county used it.

Another mill was on the Konkapot Brook on Bear-town Road opposite the Martin-Welsh home. Julius Miner called it the "rat trap factory", but I have heard that other wire articles were also made there. This mill burned down about 1865. There was the Brochu Mill on the River Road a little below the bridge. This was a saw mill and possibly a grist mill owned by Frances Brochu. The town, by the efforts of the Conservation Commission, has purchased this site, and it will be kept in its natural state and may be used for picnics.

At one time there was a small outcrop of iron ore in the Corashire section. The history of New Marlboro speaks of some iron work on one of the churches as coming from here, but it was evidently not enough to develop.

A rake factory on Hupi Road is shown on an 1830 map. During the development of the farming land, the forest had to be cleared and another industry developed. Sections were "coaled off": the trees were cut and burned into charcoal, a product in great demand in Richmond, West Stockbridge, and Kent and Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut, where there were sizeable deposits of iron which were processed by charcoal heat. I can remember the charcoal wagons going through the village. They were much wider at the top and quite high. They were horse-drawn and not nearly as heavy as they looked. Many French and French-Canadian families came here to work in the woods as charcoal burners.

One industry or trade I have not mentioned was the blacksmith. Penul Hobbs was the first mentioned. He was situated across from Enoes. My grandfather came from Connecticut and worked for him about 1845, and later settled here in Monterey.

— Della A. Tryon (from a talk given  
July 26, 1969, at a meeting of the  
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*John Owen saw this piece in a magazine and called the author, Roger E. Mohr, to get permission to reprint it. While the specific details apply to a Midwestern farm town, the spirit reminded John of Monterey.*

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- . . . you dial the wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway;*
- . . . you are run off Main Street by a combine;*
- . . . you can't walk for exercise because every car that passes offers you a ride;*
- . . . you get married and the local paper devotes a quarter page to the story;*
- . . . you drive into the ditch five miles out of town and the word gets back to town before you do;*
- . . . the biggest business in town sells farm machinery;*
- . . . you write a check on the wrong bank and it covers for you;*
- . . . the pickups on Main Street outnumber the cars three to one;*
- . . . you miss a Sunday at church and receive get-well cards;*
- . . . someone asks you how you feel, then listens to what you say.*

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## HENRY RYDBERG

Henry Rydberg, 83, of Vero Beach, Florida, a summer resident of Monterey from 1951 to 1969, died January 5 in Farmington, Connecticut. He had been visiting his son in Avon, Connecticut, at the time of his death.

Born in New Britain, Connecticut, he was a son of John E. and Matilda Carlson Rydberg. He spent most of his life in New Britain and moved to Vero Beach in 1969.

Before retiring, Mr. Rydberg had been employed as a machinist supervisor by Emhart Corp. in New Britain.

He leaves a son, Barry Rydberg of Avon; a sister, Mrs. Ester Holt of New Britain; and two grandchildren.

## LENA G. HASTEDT

Lena G. Hastedt, 87, of Van Deusenville Road, Housatonic, died January 9 at Fairview Hospital.

She was born in New Marlboro on November 4, 1904, the daughter of Charles and Mary Knickerbacker Ellis, and attended schools there. She moved from Hartsville to Housatonic in 1955.

Her husband, Frederick Hastedt, whom she married in 1923, died in 1974.

She leaves two sons, Arthur C. Hastedt of Monterey and Raymond Hastedt of Richmond; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy M. Badurski of Great Barrington, Mrs. Margaret A. Gillett and Miss June V. Hastedt, both of Housatonic; two stepsons, Frederick J. Hastedt of New Marlboro and William Hastedt of Derwood, Maryland; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Anna Kindick of Yeadon, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Edna Finkle of Ashley Falls; 27 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The origins of the "Berm" dispute remain muddled to this *Monterey News* reader. A clear chronological fact sheet detailing the interactions between the Town and Mr. Ogden is needed. Clearly, the issue of esthetics vs. privacy is a legitimate topic of discussion. However, vituperative personal attacks against Mr. Ogden do not add insight or information to this berm dilemma.

— Rose Ayala-Salsitz

To the Editor:

Driving past Mr. Ogden's morose mound is a daily reminder of Joel Schick's excellent letter (*Monterey News*, December 1990 issue). Like Joel, I, too, feel cheated out of that pleasant, declining view, as I approach the center of the village.

So, I wonder:

I wonder if a person can say, "No, don't look," to an entire community without his losing its good will. I wonder if we understand that the persona and dignity of a town is the sum total of how each of us deals with its parts. I also wonder whether it is possible to deliberately deprive others without diminishing one's self, in the process.

The berm was moved back but otherwise left intact. Is that being a good neighbor? I wonder. As chairman of the Arts Council for four years, I had the privilege of working with many members of the Monterey community who were very good neighbors, indeed. They gave unstintingly of themselves. We also had access to an estate, making our summer festivals a joy and delight to all who wished to share in it.

A far cry from the berm on Route 23.

— Leonard Weber

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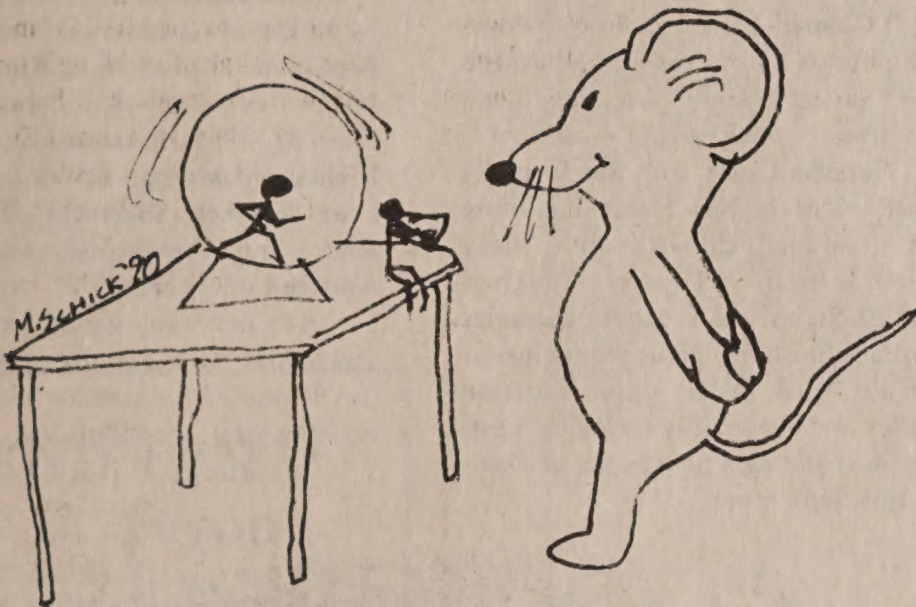
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## PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to elated great-grandparents **Fred and Lucie Lancome** of Main Road. Alexandra Marie Rose was born on November 23 to Lenny and Marie Rose in North Reading, Massachusetts. Thrilled grandparents are **Claude and Marcie Lancome**. According to one unbiased report from a great-grandparent after a Christmas visit, bright-eyed Alexandra shows early signs of being very strong and athletic, already holding up her head and getting on her knees and crawling backward! Alexandra is bringing great joy to her family — our best wishes to all of you!

And congratulations to **Gige O'Connell**, on the birth of her new grandson, Spencer O'Connell Pope, January 9 in Burlington, Vermont. Spencer, the son of **Mary-Anne O'Connell-Pope** and **Frank Pope**, weighed in at 8 pounds 14 ounces and measured 22½ inches. After having a family of six daughters, Gige is now the grandmother of four — all boys.

Hats off to **Natasha Grotz**, who was formally inducted as a member of the New Hampshire State Alpine Team at a banquet held last month. Tasha was also recognized as the overall winner of the Uvex Spring Competition Series. Tasha capped the series win with a first-place finish in a giant slalom race at Loon Mountain last April. Tasha continues to train at Waterville Valley and is presently racing the Eastern Cup Series. She will begin her studies at Dartmouth College this September.

**John Owen** attended the U. S. Department of Energy's "Hydrogen Powered Applications" meeting in Washington, D.C., on January 25-28. This was an important meeting as several H<sub>2</sub> researchers updated DOE officials on the near-term commercialization of Hydrogen Storage and Fuel Cell systems. A very promising way to alleviate pollution!

Our best wishes to **Betty** aka **Mac Carlson** for a speedy recovery. Mac fell on a patch of icy road and broke her arm. After a stay at Fairview Hospital, Mac is now home on Beartown Mountain Road. We send bundles of good wishes and positive energy for a speedy healing!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Mark Makuc** on February 2, to **John Mulroy** and **Gabrielle Ross-Logsdon** on February 6, to **Mike Mielke** on February 7, to **Jack Jefferson** and **Lanny Lanoue** on February 14, to **David Gauthier** on February 15, to **Maryellen Brown** on February 16, to **Kimberly Gero** and **James Hall** on February 18, to **Maggie Clawson** on February 22, to **Mark Amstead** on February 26, to **Paul Makuc** and **Morgan Schick** February 27, and to our Leap Year Kid, **Shaen O'Connor**, on February 29! And Happy Anniversary wishes to **Don and Pat Amstead** on February 27.

Any news you would like to share? Please jot down your items and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. I appreciate your contributions!

— Stephanie Grotz



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*Saturday, February 2*—Film Series. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. 7:30 p.m. in the Monterey Library basement. Admission free. Movies courtesy of Western Massachusetts Regional Library System.

*Saturday, February 9*—Film Series. *Rebecca*. 7:30 p.m. in the Monterey Library basement. Admission free. Movies courtesy of Western Massachusetts Regional Library System.

*Saturday, February 9*—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is open to anyone. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$4; children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: (413) 528-9385.

*Wednesday, February 13*—Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

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